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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, please amend the application  
as follows: